

WACO/Branch Davidian
Compound

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(See Section 1 for Explanation of Exemptions)

Director William Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington, D.C.

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The President
Washington, D.C.

17 Apr 1993

Dear President Clinton,

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Please allow the FBI the operational latitude they need to end the stand-off in Waco. Our law enforcement agencies can and should end this immediately. The fact that they haven't, logically leads one to assume that they have been constrained by Washington.

Initially, I thought that the stand-off was allowed for the purpose of building public support for anti gun legislation. Now, it seems to me, we have lost control of the situation. This is a tragedy.

The continuing excuse for the status quo is the potential danger to the children. The Davidean cult, not the FBI or the ATF, has put the children at risk. If this tactic is allowed, every crazy in the country will shield themselves with innocent children.

To knowingly place a child in harms way is not only despicable, but should be criminal. The Davidean cult has done this. Every adult in the compound should be held accountable for the welfare of every child inside.

The cult should be notified that destruction of the compound will begin within 24 or 48 hours. If all children have not been released by that time, all adults inside should be charged with criminal negligence with regard to child safety.

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The entire structure should be razed using armored vehicles equipped with dozer blades. They will all come out when their house falls in. If the structure is allowed to stand, it will become a haven for the same or another cult. This may be the last opportunity for its destruction. It will also end this stand-off.

Our law enforcement agencies know their job, and are the best in the world. Don't tie their hands behind their back, and expect them to keep law and order. We need them now more than ever before. If the problem is in the leadership of the FBI and/or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, replace the leadership. If it's in your office, correct it.

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I respectfully request that you direct the appropriate authorities to end this stand-off. It is long over-due, and too much has already been lost, forever. We all want to protect the young and innocent, however disciplined behavior, that's fair, beats over indulgence every time. Our service academies are prime examples of the importance of disciplined behavior. Criminal court dockets illustrate the lack of that discipline. You are paid to make tough decisions. Earn your pay.


Clearly state your goal. Don't tell them how to achieve it.

Copy: Lloyd Bentsen
Dennis DeConcini
Stephen E. Higgins
Edward S. Knight
Bob Ricks
William Sessions

Sincerely,



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May 3, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Your correspondence concerning the former standoff at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with President Clinton is appreciated.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

"S"

Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INV.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007

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DEAR SIR:

CULT LEADER SENDS BIBLICAL, THREATENING LETTER TO AGENTS.

CULT LEADER DAVID KORESH IS A FALSE god, WHO SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE. FIRST: THE ALMIGHTY GOD GAVE US "TEN LAWS" TO LIVE AND BE GUIDED BY TO ADJUST OUR LIVES, BU USING OUR FREE WILL TO DENOTE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "GOOD AND EVIL", RIGHT AND WRONG, AND IT IS UP TO US TO DECIDE WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG TO GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE TO DETERMINE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.

THE DIVINE SPIRIT OF LIFE ALLOWS NO MAN ON THIS EARTH TO USE THE NAME OF GOD IN ANY MANNER OR CHOICE WORDS IN VAIN. NO MATTER WHAT KORESH CALLS THE DIVINE SPIRIT OF LIFE, HE GAVE NO ONE THE RIGHT TO SAY GOD SAID OR DIDN'T SAY, BECAUSE NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE LAWS HE HAD GIVEN TO MOSES. THE "TEN COMMANDMENTS" CAN NEVER BE CHANGED OR ALTERED TO SATISFY MANKIND, THEY ARE THE LAWS OF GOD AND THE LAWS OF CREATION, THAT DETERMINING POINT OF RIGHT OVER WRONG.

NO MAN ON THIS EARTH, NOT EVEN THE SON OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST, WAS EVER GIVEN PERMISSION TO BE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. THAT IS WHY, JESUS CHRIST SAID, "HE WHO BELIEVES IN MY FATHER, AND KEEPS HIS LAWS, WILL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD". NOT ONE MAN AS A LEADER OF A NATION, LEADER OF RELIGION, HAS THE RIGHT TO BREAK THESE LAWS. FORGIVENESS IS IN THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER, AND IN THE EYES OF THEY WHO HAVE BEEN OFFENDED. THE SCARS OF LIFE WILL LIVE WITH US FOREVER, TO LEARN AND UNDERSTAND THE WRONGS WE HAVE COMMITTED. THERE IS ONLY A RIGHT AND A WRONG, THERE NEVER WAS IN THE EYES OF GOD ANYTHING CALLED SIN. THIS WAS CREATED BY MANKIND.

NO GOD OF CREATION HAS EVER EMPOWERED HIS ANGER TO PUNISH AND HARM THE PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE HIM OR HIS PEOPLE. WHAT RELIGIOUS LEADERS DO NOT KNOW IS THEIR STUPIDITY, BY NOT UNDERSTANDING ONE WORD OF GOD THE DEVINE SPIRIT OF LIFE, NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND ONE WORD OF JESUS CHRIST, BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST SAID, "FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND". WHAT IS SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND, THAT THERE IS BUT ONE GOD, THE DEVINE SPIRIT OF LIFE, AND THE "TEN COMMANDMENTS AS A "WAY OF LIFE", FOR ALL TO FOLLOW TO RESPECT THEIR NEIGHBOR, AS THEY WANT TO BE RESPECTED. IT IS THE PEOPLE, WHO INFLECT UPON THEMSELVES THEIR OWN CORPOREAL DESTRUCTION, THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE TO THESE LAWS, AS THEY THE PEOPLE WHO DEFY ALL LAWS OF ALL NATIONS THAT ARE RELATED TO THE GUIDANCE SYSTEM TO PREVENT INJUSTICE AND LEADING THE PEOPLE TO THEIR OWN DEVASTATION. IT'S THE FAULT OF LEADERSHIP OF NATIONS, LEADERSHIP OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY WHO HAVE CONDEMNED AND DESTROYED THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE BY OVERSEEING THE LAWS OF GOD AND MAKING LAWS OF THEIR OWN .

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I WILL CHALLENGE ANY AND ALL LEADERS OF NATIONS OR RELIGIONS ON THIS EARTH TO THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD, THE DIVINE SPIRIT OF LIFE.

ENCLOSURE

RESPECTFULLY

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Cult leader sends Biblical,

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — An angry, threatening letter written by cult leader David Koresh as if he were God could be the divine message Koresh says he needs before ending a six-week-old siege, the FBI said on Saturday.

"The letter is threatening and cites six Biblical passages," FBI agent Bob Ricks said. "The gist of the letter, like the Biblical pas-

sages, conveys messages of a powerful, angry God empowering his chosen people to punish and harm those who oppose them."

Koresh's letter was delivered to the FBI by his deputy, Steven Schneider, when he emerged from the cult compound on Friday afternoon to light incense canisters in observance of Good Friday, Ricks said.

The four-page letter is written in the first person and signed

"Yahweh Koresh," which Koresh says is the true name of God, Ricks said. Federal agents were trying to confirm with other cult members whether the letter is their expected message from God, he said.

Koresh, a self-described doomsday prophet, repeatedly has said he is awaiting God's word before leading his Branch Davidian followers from the group's heavily armed home out-

threatening letter to agents

side Waco.

Koresh and 95 others, including 17 children, have remained in the fortress since a Feb. 28 shoot-out with agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Four agents were slain and 16 were wounded. Koresh has said six cultists died.

Saturday was the 42nd day of the standoff, with no signs it would soon end. The cult reportedly considers Easter a pagan

holiday and does not plan to observe it.

Ricks would not elaborate on the threats contained in Koresh's message and said FBI experts were trying to decipher it.

"If it is the message from God, then we have to know what the heck the message is," Ricks said.

The FBI is still operating under earlier assurances from lawyers that the siege could end this weekend at the conclusion of the

Branch Davidians' Passover observance, Ricks said.

Houston lawyers Dick DeGuerin and Jack Zimmermann, who represent Koresh and Schneider, may be allowed to talk with their clients early this week but will not be permitted in the compound until the standoff is ending, Ricks said.

Federal agents on Saturday were repairing phone lines into the compound.

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April 29, 1993

Waco

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Dear [Redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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WASHINGTON DC 20535

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If someone hasn't thought of it already, tell your agents in Waco to shut off the utilities, water, electricyty/gas, telephone. The fanatics will come out soon enough, with one hand in the air and the other holding the nose.

On a return trip from Nova Scotia by train across Canada in 1986, from Montreal to Winnipeg three cars loaded with passengers were without water. You can imagine the conditions at Winnipeg, when the railroad changed cars.

In a novel I wrote called 'The Color of Adam', I used this to bring out a barricaded group that was making demands on the President, a descendent of slaves who had become President in the course of events. They came out soon enoigh, jusrt as those people in Waco will, if they have no water, electricity, or gas.

I don't ask any credit for this. Just get those bums out of there.

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April 30, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to let you know of my concern about the situation in Waco, Texas, with the Branch Davidians cult.

I feel that in view of the fact that this standoff has continued for a month now, new tactics need to be employed

Letting this control the Government into a stalemate, and using thousands of our tax dollars a day to watch and wait until his food runs out, is a great waste of funds.

What can be done about this situation?

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Sincerely,

[Redacted name]

Office of Public Affairs
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building
9th Street and Pennsylvania Av.
Washington, DC 20535

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Dear [Redacted]

Your recent correspondence concerning the former standoff in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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April 1, 1993

Federal Bureau of Investigation
and
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:

I would like to express my admiration and appreciation to the men and women of your organizations who are on the front lines in Waco and other places where crime and criminals are trying desperately to undermine our freedom and establish their own power base that serves only their own selfish interests. I believe that my opinion is shared by most Americans in spite of the vocal opinions voiced by those who seek media attention. This letter is just to let you know that we are here, supporting what you are doing, and thankful that there are people like you and your organizations. Keep up the good work.

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for writing on April 1st and commenting so favorably about the FBI and our investigative efforts in connection with the former standoff in Waco, Texas. Citizen support is very important to us as we strive to carry out our responsibilities to the American people.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions

William S. Sessions
Director

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April 12, 1993

**Attention: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
N.W. Washington D.C. 20535**

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Dear Sir:

About three weeks ago I sent a telegram to the chief of police in Waco Texas concerning Mr. Kornesh. In the telegram I suggested that I can be of help in convincing Mr Kornesh, through some biblical passages, that he is to surrender to the authorities at this time. I have not heard from them. I am in a position to convince Mr Kornesh :

- a. That his name is mentioned in the bible.**
- b. That the message that he is waiting for from God, is in the bible.**

I hope that this time some one will listen to me. I am willing to go down to Waco, Texas at my own expense to help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your April 12th letter about the former standoff in Waco, Texas, has been brought to my attention. I appreciate the concern which prompted you to offer your assistance in resolving this matter.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Knapp

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Judge William Sessions
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my feelings about the Waco Texas incident and will not take up much of your time.

No one is ever pleased with the loss of life, especially involving small children. What was done that took those lives was inevitable and would have been only a matter of time.

I feel that you Sir, Attorney General Janet Reno, and all others involved in the decision making made the right decision. I know that the decision you all made was difficult to reach.

I am confident that every possible effort was made and more than enough opportunity was provided for David Koresh and his followers to peacefully end the standoff.

For fifty one days the United States and law Enforcement were hostage to a very deranged individual and his cult.

You have all shown the country and the world that the criminal elements in this country are dealt with fairly; more importantly that they will not maintain control of our country or our communities.

In law enforcement we often times have to make split second decisions that will end in the courts for months and years to see if what we decided was correct. The arm-chain quarter backs have had fifty one days to observe law enforcement properly deal with this situation but they have already lost sight of why it happened and that the law enforcement officers that died were unselfish; they gave up their lives as a result of their belief in trying to protect and serve.

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I feel sorry for the families who lost loved ones on both sides but the job that you all did was done well....all fifty one days.

I am but one person but please convey that my feelings are that of many.

Semper Fi!



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Dear Sir

Please note most folks support
your efforts in Waco - we should not
be second guessing every move we make
it's hard to deal with nuts - we will
spend 10 mil. on unnecessary hearings
~~because~~ because a few voices are dissenting
The majority are not!

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

April 20, 1993

I support in every way the action taken by the FBI on the stand off at WACO. The only thing I personally would have done different is waiting as long as you all did before the tear gas was used to bring this to a head.

David Koresh was a Nut and all of those that were followers of him were also Nuts. He could not live with the system that we have, so there was no place for him in this society.

The survivors, I hope, will be made know to the world at large so we may, not be segregative toward them but, be forewarned that we have just met a nut, that is if and when we meet one of them. I would prefer to stay away from nuts and keep my family away from them also, how could I do that unless I know who the Nuts are.

The news media seems to make this into something that it isn't. The news media continually uses the American Constitution as a back bone to support their constant meddling then, when it suits their purposes, they speak out against the federal government to sell more of their copy to the public. Its all sort of stupid Isn't it ?

Well ! Iv'e said what I wanted to say so I'll sign off.

Thanks for listening

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Gentlemen

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I approve of your handling of the situation in Waco, Texas.

You people handled this situation with patience and professionalism. I'm just an average citizen but I believe you deserve thanks, not criticism over this mess. To me, the FBI is kind of like apple pie and the American flag.

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Best wishes

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April 22, 1993

FBI Director William Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Building
Washington DC 20000

Dear Director Sessions:

I just wanted to let you know I support the actions of the FBI in the Waco Texas tragedy. You did what you judged was probably going to come out better than any other options. I continue to have faith in all of you.

Yours truly

[Redacted Signature]

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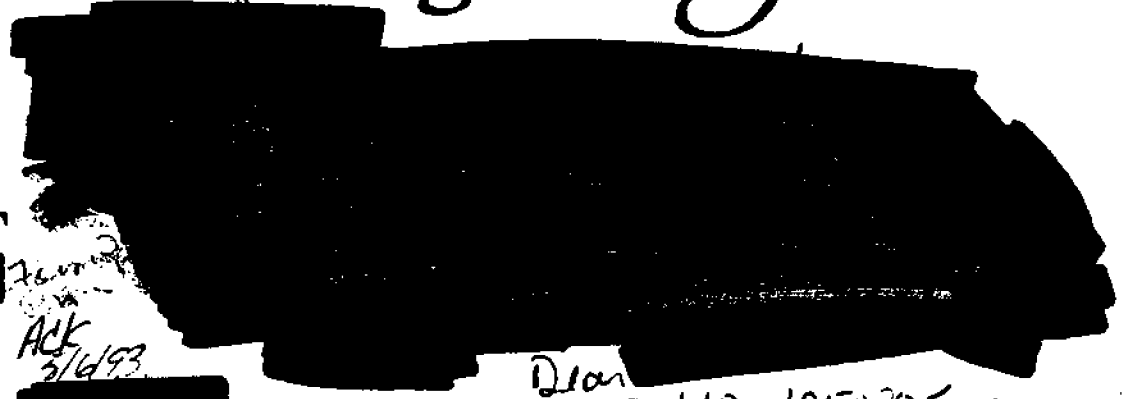
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Washington D.C. 20013

My husband & I support
you 100% in the action you
took at Waco TX

Don't get discouraged!
It's a good thing you had
the courage to end this
bizarre affair. 63-116-1050305-218
God bless you all.

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DEAR MR. SEBINS

Dear [REDACTED]

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MAY I take a minute of your time to tell you how proud I am of the men in your service at WACO. ^{IX} Knowing that your men did the best they could I hope that there is no permanent mental harm to them.

Would you please pass along my respect and admiration for them from one TEXAN who believes in them and their gallant effort. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely

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May God Bless + keep you and your men

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To whom it may concern:

Today on Paul Haveys radio program I heard that 73% or more of the American public approve of the way the FBI handled the Waco, Texas problem. I too want to tell you that I approve of the way you all handled it. If I were there and the one who made those decision I probably would have done the same. Probably for the next 10 years after the talking and then the movies we will still realize that there is little one can do with those who will use the teachings of Christ to exploit those who so desperately need to feel needed. You would think that the memory of Jim Jones still in the minds of us all that we would not so easily be led astray by those like the so called David Koresh. I cannot understand it. It will take one who has more knowledge and understanding the I, probably Christ himself.

Again, I want to tell you that you are doing the best job that you can do. I hope and pray that it will be a very long time before we see another Cult leader like Koresh.

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Could you please forward this to the proper place? Thank You.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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DEAR SIRs:

Not all of America is against you and your decision to end the stalemate in Waco, TX. with a crazy man David Koresh. I commend the action taken by the F.B.I. and Bob Ricks and all the other agents that were there negotiating and carrying out the job whatever that might be.

The F.B.I. has my full support. It is tragic that the children involved had to perish because one mad man would not let them go willingly. I firmly believe that no matter what you could have done differently, David Koresh was not going to come out and surrender, nor was he going to let any more members come freely out.

Hold your heads high & be proud that you ARE MEMBERS OF a highly respected Agency and one that I admire deeply.

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U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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April 20, 1993

Attorney General Janet Reno
FBI Director William Sessions ✓
Director: Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms

Dear Official:

"Don't let the bastards get you down!"

The government's actions at the cult headquarters incident in
Waco, Texas were proper.

Do not pay any attention to all the instant experts who specialize
in second guessing and Monday-morning quarterbacking.

Sincerely,

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FBI headquarters
Washington, DC

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April 21, 1993

President Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D C 20500

Re: Waco

Dear President Clinton:

I am registering my opinions as a citizen, tax payer, mother,
life long Democrat and Clinton supporter.

1. Janet Reno has attained Harry Truman status in her courage and abilities.
2. The FBI was well within its full scope to handle this situation and went much further than anyone could demand.
3. The loss of the children was a tragedy, but had they lived they would probably have been lost due to exposure to ignorant religious beliefs.
4. The tax payers expect better use of our hard earned taxes. Fifty one days were far too long to deal with an ignorant supposed cult leader.
5. The question of fire trucks is about as dumb as the media can possibly get, who in their right mind would send defenseless firemen into that situation.

President Clinton, as a supporter I also feel that I can express some opinions to you. I mean these only as a help, not to criticize. Get tough, put some backbone into your spokespersons. I know that we average citizens cannot comprehend the pressure you are under, but a strong image is needed. I feel and sense some shifting sand which we don't need now.

I am behind you and your policies one hundred percent and want you to succeed as no other president has before.

Good luck and God Bless.

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cc: Janet Reno, Attorney General
FBI ✓

Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. [Redacted]
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MF [Redacted]

April 21, 1993

NBC
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112

Re: Waco

Dear Editor-Manager:

I am registering a protest on the biased ignorant manner that your media spokespersons have handled the Waco incident. Evidently you people choose to ignore the American public and their opinions. No one, I repeat, no one expressed the views you presented on your newscast that I have spoken with in the workplace and neighborhood. The FBI were completely justified in their actions. They went the extra mile with those religious nuts, and you still are trying to lay the blame on the law enforcement. The question of fire trucks is about as dumb as you get. Who in their right mind is going to send defenseless firemen into that kind of situation? Janet Reno has attained a status likened to Harry Truman (you do remember him?) for her courage and capable abilities. The loss of the children is a tragedy but in reality would have been lost had they lived in view of the religious ignorance to which they were exposed. The one father of a cult member who was interviewed on the Today Show told it like it was and was rudely cut off by Katie Couric. I really thought she was an informed newsperson until this sad show of inability to accept reality.

The newspeople of all segments of reporting need to take inventory and decide whether the honest news is worth reporting or do we tune you out to get your attention. The truth does not fail even in reporting. Try it sometime, it could surprise you and the viewers you might have left.

Sincerely



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cc: Janet Reno, Attorney General
FBI ✓

21 April 1993

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Building
Washington, DC

Dear Director Sessions:

I support the actions of the FBI in the ^aWaco, Texas incident. I believe that the initiative taken to force the occupants of the Koresh compound to exit the buildings was overdue, as opposed to being ill-considered as expounded by the national news media.

Everyone in the press seems to forget, that the reason law enforcement personnel were there in the first place, was due to felony possession of illegal firearms. Four officers were killed trying to force an early entry of the compound. I found the FBI patience in trying to deal with Koresh for the 51 days greater than I could appreciate. I did not understand why tear gas wasn't used sooner. The press made a big deal about the fire and its origins. They missed the point. The occupants could have come out at any time before the 4/19 tear gas, during the tear gassing, or after the fire started. Several occupants did just that! Those that did not leave did so for one of two reasons, either they elected not to leave, or they were prevented by Koresh. Interestingly some people did leave. One wonders whether they left independently of the desires of Koresh, or with his blessing, to be his apologists to the world he left behind.

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Dear Mr Thomas F. Jones, Here I am writing again.

I just want to say that I see David Koresh as the one who murdered his own people and himself, not the F. B. I. I think this is just what he wanted, to be called a martyr. I feel deeply sorry for those innocent children as they were helpless to help themselves. If David Koresh was really a man of the cloth he would never own as many guns, etc: as he did, I think Mr Koresh was a very, very dangerous man. I don't see how his followers could not see how dangerous he really was. I understand that so many, many shots were being fired at our agents, and our agents were not shooting back. I think the agents did all they could do without hurting or killing Mr Koresh nor his followers, yet I understand some of the agents were killed and to me that was sad and uncall for too. I just felt I had to speak my mind and that I am not blaming the F. B. I. Only one man is to blame because of his twisted, dangerous mind. I hate to say this but sometimes the news media makes it bad for the innocent people. It looks like sometimes not all times - they like to plant ideas in peoples heads. Well I guess I said enough.

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So again I for one do not blame the
F. B. I. just the man who thought
he was going to get away with all
his nonsense and ~~really~~ hate for people,
if you ask me. I don't think even
he ever liked himself.

I am just a grandmother who
cannot help giving my opinion at all this
ordeal. God help all those other people
in other cult groups.

Thank you very much for
reading my not so neat letter. God Bless
you and all the F. B. I. agents -

Sincerely

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Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Inspector in Charge
Office of Public Affairs, wherever
U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20537-9700

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Dear [REDACTED]

APRIL 20, 1993

ATTN: MR WILLIAM SESSIONS/DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
10TH STREET & PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON D.C. 20535

REGARDING YESTERDAY IN WACO, TX

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Good Work!

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JUDGE SESSIONS
PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

DEAR JUDGE SESSIONS,

I APPLAUD WHAT YOU AND YOUR AGENCY DID. DAVID KORESH AND HIS FOLLOWERS BROUGHT ALL OF THIS ON THEMSELVES. HE WAS A CRIMINAL AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN TREATED AS SUCH.

IT IS ABOUT TIME A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OBTAINED BACKBONE AND DID WHAT WAS RIGHT!!! CRIMINALS IN THIS COUNTY ARE TREATED LIKE KINGS AND QUEENS, WHILE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS PAY FOR IT. (FAIR?).

I HAVE SPOKEN TO MANY TAX PAYING LAW ABIDING CITIZENS WHO ARE SICK AND TIRED OF HEARING HOW WE INFRINGE ON THESE CRIMINALS CIVIL RIGHT. WHAT RIGHTS SHOULD THESE PEOPLE HAVE, AFTER ALL THEIR NOT IN PRISON BECAUSE THEY WENT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TOO MANY TIMES.

THERE HAS GOT TO BE A CHANGE IN OUR SYSTEM. IF PRISONERS WERE MADE TO WORK AND HELP TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, MAYBE THEY WOULDN'T BE SO ANXIOUS TO BE THERE.

THIS LETTER IS TO LET YOU AND YOUR AGENCY KNOW THERE ARE REAL LIVE PEOPLE (NOT DO-GOODERS OR JOURNALISTS) WHO ARE THRILLED AND PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!!!!!!

THANK YOU.

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April 20, 1993

William Sessions
FBI Director
FBI Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I applaud the patience, professionalism and tactics of the FBI during the 51 days cult stand-off in Waco, Texas. The staff did a fine job and certainly gave the cult members every opportunity to exit the compound if they so desired. David Koresh controlled the members lives and minds thus no amount of time would have brought the members out of the compound on their own free will because their free will was given over to their fanatical leader, Koresh. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to all agents that were involved in the stand-off. My only question is why did it take the FBI so long take a visible action? Just how many taxpayer dollars were spent by the FBI to participate in the cult stand-off?

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. William Sessions
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

My husband and I, herein, thank you most sincerely for your courageous decision to allow Mr. Reno and the F.B.I. to end the cult stand-off in Waco, Texas; the tragedy of which, we believe, was inevitable.

The fault and blame lies totally and unquestionably with the fanatical cult leader whose religious beliefs were not only sadly distorted but severely perverted, as well.

You, Mr. Reno; the F.B.I. and all others involved have our full and unequivocal support.

May God bless you all and give you strength to withstand the vicious feeding frenzy of your critics!

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Respectfully yours

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COPIES TO : Ms. RENO, ATTORNEY GENERAL
Mr. SESSIONS, DIRECTOR F.B.I.

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Dear [Redacted]

F.B.I. Department
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear F.B.I. Personel:

Waco TX

Thank you for putting an end to the Mt. Carmel Cult situation. We know of 5 families that spent Easter without their dads because of this past event of Mt. Carmel. But we understand their were many others, also.

During Spring Break this year we were able to visit your F.B.I. building in Washington. Thank you for letting people tour your facilities. Our students really enjoyed their visit. I hate to say they also enjoyed the snow. Where we live in Texas we never get snow.

Thanks again for your protection and cautious action concerning this situation. The lost lives are tragic but they can not say they did not have a choice. Your agents take this chance whenever they go on a job. But all of us never know when our time is up.

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April 20, 1993

Mr. William Sessions
Director, FBI
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I am writing this letter to express my support for the decisions made by the FBI, and the U.S. Justice Department on April 19, 1993, in Waco, TX.

During the Cuban Prison Riots in Talladega, AL in 1991, I had the opportunity to witness first hand the professionalism and expertise of the FBI Hostage Release Team. It is my sincere opinion that they weigh the consequences of any decisions, and act in such a manner which is in the best interest of the American public. I have no doubt whatsoever that the same concern and considerations I observed by the HRT in Talladega were also exercised in Waco.

It is truly a shame that the news media chooses to report only what they believe to be news worthy, and those incidents which adversely slant the perspective of the American people against our Law Enforcement.

Being a Christian believer, I am sincerely saddened that so many people chose to end their lives, and the lives of their children by blindly following a misguided religious fanatic like David Koresh. I pray that God will have mercy on their souls, but my most diligent prayers are for the Law Enforcement agents, and the officials in charge, that they have peace of mind that their decisions were made in good faith with a desire for the best possible conclusion to a "no-win" situation.

Please express my sincere gratitude to all the agents involved, and to the families of the slain and injured agents for their outstanding dedication, and sacrifice to the American people. God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

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April 19, 1993

Dear [Redacted]

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I am writing to express my total and unforgiving outrage at what happened at El Paso, Texas, today! I just cannot believe the FBI could be responsible for the loss of so many innocent lives.

This operation was bungled from the very beginning and the end result, now, is the loss of so many children's, innocent children's, lives! How can you condone this! What are our government police agencies coming to? My faith in the FBI, as well as the ATF, has been characteristically eroded.

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I hope you and the other officers and agents involved in this process, can sleep well at night! I know I wouldn't be able to do so.

Perhaps it is time for a very [Redacted]

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To whom it may concern
Waco TX

In spite of all the "after the fact" experts, we wish to assure Agent Bob Ricks and all the personnel that we, as average Americans, handled things well. To all the "experts" who weren't there it is easy to say how it should have been handled. Reminds us of an old saying "Vass you der Charlie?"

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Good work people & may you all continue to feel you did your best.

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Dear [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

WILLIAM S SESSIONS,
DIRECTOR

DEAR SIR:

Waco TX

I HAVE WORKED AS A POLICE OFFICER FOR 15 YEARS. I HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED AT THE FBI AS THE ELITE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. AFTER THE RODNEY KING AFFAIR AND YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH 17 OFFICERS TO PERSECUTE THE POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED YOU HAVE LOWERED YOURSELF TO THE LEVEL OF THE ACLU. I WAS NOT THERE AND DON'T KNOW ALL THE FACTS BUT I DO KNOW THAT IF IT HAD NOT BEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND A BLACK MAN INVOLVED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER AFTER THE FIRST TRAIL. I HOPE JANET RENO AND YOU HAVE THE INTEGRITY TO HOLD YOURSELFS ACCOUNTABLE IN THE WACO AFFAIR TO THE SAME DEGREE THAT YOU HELD THE POLICE OFFICERS IN THE RODNEY KING INCIDENT.

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WILLIAM S SESSIONS
UNITED STATES Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Bill Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania
Washington D.C.

21 Apr 93
Bill Sessions
FBI - Dept of Justice
Constitution Ave & 10th N.W
Wash. D.C. 20530

Dear Willie,

In the wake of Waco, what went wrong?

We know the atf violated the civil rights of David Koresh and his followers. The fbi harassed, with Chinese style brain washing, these same people. The fbi got tired. The fbi violated the civil rights of David Koresh and his followers.

Janet Reno has accepted all responsibility. Makes one wonder if the new A.H. is Dr. Mengele in drag?

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You have finally accepted all responsibility. You should! Your bureaucrats violated the double jeopardy protection of four L.A. policemen for excessively performing their duties. Let's see the same enthusiasm in prosecuting those responsible for this piece. i.e. alter the facts police, fat bald and ignorant police, Janet Reno and yourself.

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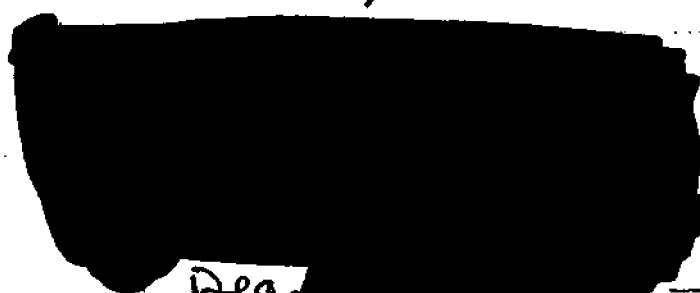
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The liberal agenda that is building this socialist police state will not go unnoticed. The responsibility for this abortion rests directly on the garbage that is known as our government.

Unfortunately for we the people, the fbi will no doubt manufacture a scape goat in the Lee Harvey Oswald fashion, a coverup to protect all miscreants.

Sincerely,



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Dear

- cc: Hank Brown, sen.
- Ben Campbell, sen.
- Pat Schroeder, cw.
- Janet Reno, ag.
- Bill Sessoms, fbi
- Lloyd Bentzen, sen.
- Steve Higgins, atf.

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Dear Sir: [redacted] Waco TX

Never in my life have I wrote a letter complaining about anything. But at this stage of my life I think I am entitled to be heard. I am a vet of U.S.A. since three years. Vet of N.Y.P.D. 24 yrs. I am sound of mind.

I cannot understand the surge at Waco, if you people would have contacted the N.Y. Fire Department and looked at their Super Pumper there was a better solution. They could have undermined the foundation of their cheese bar building. And as it happened could have knocked down any fire that was started by their Hay Roller 63-HQ-1050305-296
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I have given you some info. I am expecting a reply. [redacted]

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I now live in Ohio. I also think these
pumpkin would be useful in the siege of
Lucasville. Lets do something to Avenge
the loss of all these gallant police Officers.

Sincerely



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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John F. Kennedy

Steven Hassan, M.Ed.

P.O. Box 686
New Town Branch
Boston, MA 02258

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March 19th 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing to you to ask you to personally intervene in the F.B.I. handling of the Branch Davidian cult situation in Waco, Texas. I am appealing to you directly because I believe you could help to prevent further embarrassment, psychological torture of innocent cult victims as well as loss of life. Please help the more than one hundred people who are under the mind control of David Koresh. The way the government has conducted itself so far has been a national embarrassment and the A.T.F. and the F.B.I.'s refusal to admit they do not know how to deal with a cult leader forces the situation to continue on unnecessarily. The nature of the initial confrontation is not being aided by cutting off electricity and shining bright lights at night into the compound. These tactics look like your administration is anti-religious, which I know it is not. It also makes your administration look bad to use such coercive measures where children are concerned.

I have been intimately involved in the field of cult mind control for almost 20 years and would like to be of help. I am a licensed mental health professional, who, due to my own cult experience following a "Messiah" for over two years in the mid nineteen seventies, has gone on to specialize in "strategic interventions" designed to help people to leave destructive groups.

I have contacted Congressman Joe Kennedy's office last week to offer my help. They are familiar with my work and have copies of my book Combatting Cult Mind Control: The #1 Best-Selling Guide for Protection, Rescue and Recovery from Destructive Cults (Park Street Press, 1988) widely regarded as the best book on the subject so far. If I am properly briefed, I know that I could suggest several scenarios which will successfully end the standoff peaceably. I am even willing to go onto the compound to meet with members face to face. I am an expert at this. But I need you to intercede.

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Please, end the waste of taxpayers money (an estimated \$2 million a day), help save human life, and promote humanitarian values. I hope that we can help to

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educate the public about the methodology of destructive cults which use mind control. There can be no freedom without freedom of mind. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven Hassan

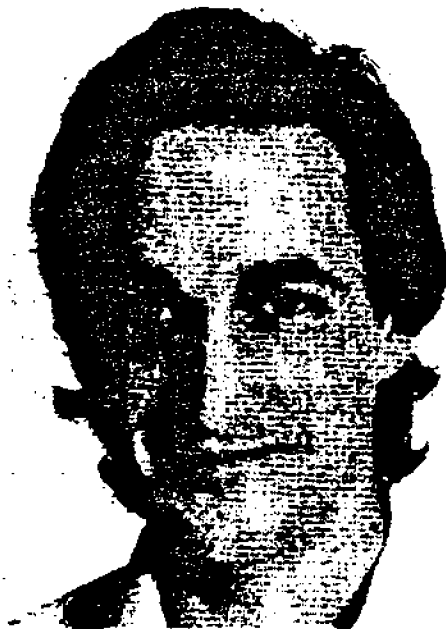
Steven Hassan

Steven Hassan M.Ed.

MIND CONTROL AND THE CULT PHENOMENON

Steven Hassan has been involved in educating the public about mind control and destructive cults for over fifteen years. He is a licensed Mental Health Counselor and holds a Master's degree in counseling psychology from Cambridge College. In 1988, he authored the critically acclaimed book *Combatting Cult Mind Control: The #1 Best-selling Guide to Protection, Rescue and Recovery from Destructive Cults* (Park Street Press) favorably reviewed in "The Lancet" and the "American Journal of Psychiatry". It is also distributed throughout the U.K. and has been translated into Spanish, with German and Japanese editions being prepared.

Mr. Hassan has pioneered a new approach to deprogramming called "Strategic Intervention Therapy", a new form of exit-counseling. Unlike the stressful and media sensationalized "kidnap deprogramming", this non-coercive approach is an effective and legal alternative for families to help cult victims. This approach utilizes family members and friends and teaches them how to strategically influence the individual involved in the group. During his years of work he has helped hundreds of persons victimized by cult-related mind control. He has provided numerous training workshops and seminars for mental health professionals, educators and law enforcement officers, as well as for families of cult members.



Deceptively recruited into the Moon organization at the age of nineteen while a student at Queens College, Hassan spent twenty-seven months recruiting and indoctrinating new members, fundraising, political campaigning and personally meeting with Sun Myung Moon during numerous leadership sessions. Mr. Hassan ultimately rose to the rank of Assistant Director of the Unification Church at National Headquarters. Following a serious automobile accident, he was deprogrammed by several former members at his parent's request. Once he realized the insidious nature of the organization, he authorized police officials to take possession of his personal belongings which included a massive set of private speeches documenting Moon's secret plan to "take over the world."

During the 1977-78 Congressional Subcommittee Investigation into South Korean C.I.A. activities in the United States, he consulted as an expert witness. In 1979, following the Jonestown tragedy, Mr. Hassan founded EX-MOON Inc., a non-profit educational organization composed of over four hundred former members of the Moon group. Although now defunct, it was the first and largest ex-member organization in the world. Mr. Hassan later served as the National Coordinator of FOCUS, a support and information network of former members of all destructive cult groups. FOCUS is affiliated with the Cult Awareness Network, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to exposing abuses of destructive cult groups.

Some of the groups that Mr. Hassan feels should be of concern are: The Unification Church (The Moonies); The Church of Scientology (Dianetics); The Way International; The Hare Krishnas (ISKCON); Transcendental Meditation (TM); Rajneesh; Church Universal and Triumphant (C.U.T.); Jehovah's Witnesses; Shepherding/ Discipleship churches (hundreds in the U.S.); Foundation for Human Understanding (Radio hypnotist Roy Masters); U.S. Labor Party (Larouche); Nichiren Shoshu (N.S.A.); Children of God (Family of Love); SHO (Yogi Bhaajan); as well as est (Fornum), Insight (John-Roger and M.S.I.A.) and Lifespring. There are estimated three thousand destructive cult groups operating within the United States today. Millions of people have been affected by the cult phenomenon.

Mr. Hassan has appeared on innumerable television and radio shows including Oprah Winfrey, Sally Jessy Raphael, Good Morning America, Today and Larry King. Quoted extensively in newspaper and magazine articles, Mr. Hassan has had a great impact on the American public through the media. In his commitment to fight against destructive cults, Mr. Hassan devotes a major portion of his time and energy to preventive education. He has addressed hundreds of campus, religious and professional organizations throughout the world. *Combatting Cult Mind Control* is available at B. Dalton's, your favorite local bookstore, or by calling 1-800-445-8638.

For information contact Steven Hassan, Box 696, Boston MA. 02258. tel : (617) 628-9918 or fax: (617) 628-8153.

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Combating CULT MIND CONTROL

by
Steven Hassan

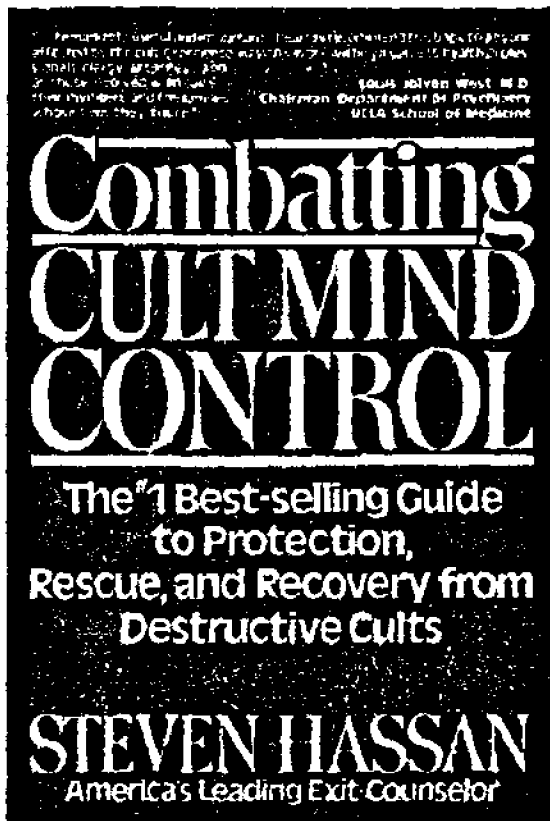
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Contact# 159538
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March 30, 1993

Mr. Steven Hassan
Post Office Box 686
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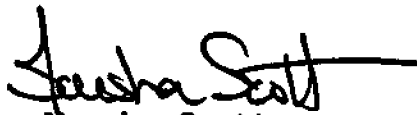
Dear Mr. Hassan:

Thank you so much for your letter. President Clinton greatly appreciates the trust and confidence you have expressed in him by writing.

To give your concerns the special attention they deserve, the President has asked me to forward your letter to the Department of Justice. I have asked them to provide you with a prompt reply, but please bear in mind that it may take several weeks to look thoroughly into the concerns you have raised. Should you have any questions after reviewing their response to you, you may write: Department of Justice, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

Many thanks for your patience.

Sincerely,



Marsha Scott
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential
Correspondence

May 3, 1993

Mr. Steven Hassan
Post Office Box 686
New Town Branch
Boston, Massachusetts 02258

Dear Mr. Hassan:

Your March 19th communication to President Clinton sharing your views on the standoff with the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, has been referred to the FBI. We appreciate the concern which prompted you to write and offer your assistance to the FBI.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
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- 1 - FBICR (Room 4913A)

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NOTE: STEVEN HASSAN wrote President Clinton offering his assistance to the FBI in connection with the standoff situation involving the Branch Davidians. His offer was previously brought to the attention of our San Antonio Office by Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II. Bufiles contain no other information regarding STEVEN HASSAN, based on available information.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C. 20000

Gentlemen and Ladies:

I hope that someone in charge of the standoff in Waco Texas has given some thought to the possibility that David Koresh might have some of his Zombies dig a tunnel long enough for him to escape without anyone knowing it. He could then claim that his body has ascended to "heaven", as is customary with the earlier religions. Jesus ascended out of a cave during the night. Mohammed stepped off of a rock and on into heaven. The rock is now inside of the building with the golden dome in Jerusalem. So surely Koresh will try to emulate his predecessors.

Is there any way to detect underground tunnelling electronically? I hope you are doing it. Best wishes.

Yours truly,

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April 26, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Your recent correspondence concerning the former standoff in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
Office of Public and
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Gentlemen:

David

I have a suggestion concerning the "Koresh" problem. He is apparently being honored by use of the name he has given himself. One of your agents has referred to him as VERNON HOWELL. The media should be encouraged to refer to him only by the Howell name. All law enforcement should avoid calling him David Koresh.

He is so unbalanced this might not help but it could have an influence to help resolve this situation.

Thanks. Hope you are successful.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Your April 13th correspondence to the FBI concerning the former standoff situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestion with us is appreciated, and I want to thank you for writing.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
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April 8, 1993

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20535

To Whom It May Concern:

A couple of weeks ago I wrote to he Sheriff's Dept. at Waco, Texas offering my services in helping to end the situation with Branch Davidian. I realize that I am an unknown, but I truly believe that I am able to help bring this situation to an end.

I recognize the potential for violence in the situation, and I also have an understanding of the cult mentality. It is not likely that threats of violence, psychological warfare - such as blasting music, etc. at the stronghold will work. This only feeds their sense of being persecuted for "what is right", and will encourage them to be martyrs.

I am an ordained Southern Baptist pastor, but I have had dealings with several cultic groups before and after my conversion to Christianity. These groups include Satanists, Process People, Children of God, and others. I have been successful in the past in being influential in turning members of these groups from their cultic associations. Besides the violence inherent with some of these groups, I have also dealt with members and groups of outlaw bikers, drug dealers, etc., who also have a propensity for violence.

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Therefore the potential for violence is not a deterrent to me in approaching Branch Davidian, and I believe that I could persuade many of them on a theological level that David Kersch is not Christ, and that it is wrong to be following him. I would go in and talk with the group, staying with them if necessary; and realize that in the case it becomes necessary to storm the stonghold, that I am expendable. However, I really doubt that it would come to this if I were allowed to approach the group. My understanding of the Bible, the cult mindset, and acceptance of the violence potential make me an invaluable resource for you to use in this situation. (Besides I have a family history of such activity - with a late uncle who worked for the CIA, and a late uncle who assisted the FBI during the days of Machine Gun Kelly.)

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As the length of siege time continues, so does the risk of this group accepting a completely self-destructive martyr's attitude and commit mass suicide. I anticipate hearing from you soon on this matter, and believe that the sooner the better.

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Dear [Redacted]

Director Sessions has asked me to thank you for the concern which prompted your April 8th communication and to express our appreciation for your kind offer of assistance in connection with the former standoff in Waco, Texas.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael F. Knapp
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I support the actions of
the FBI in WACD. Let us
remember who the bad guy was
(David Horie^{SP}sh) and who his victims were.

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To:

4/20/93

Mr. William J. Clinton, President
Ms. Janet Reno, Attorney General
Mr. William S. Sessions, F.B.I. Director
U. W. 910 TX

To Whom it may Concern:

I would be very remiss to permit another day to pass without congratulating every individual involved with the Waco, Texas tragic incident at the Compound.

Your conscience should never reproach you for the inexhaustible efforts to save the people involved. We have followed this process very carefully and know the patience everyone exercised to arrive at a peaceful conclusion.

From [REDACTED] 5/6/93
We love our country and realize the awesome responsibility you all have assumed to save this great land of ours.

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As seventeen year residents of the great state of Florida we have only the greatest respect and admiration for you, Janet Reno. No words can express our pleasure when you were appointed Attorney General of our great nation. Yours is a tremendous task which we know you are fulfilling above and beyond the call of duty. We are so proud of you and deem it a privilege to reside near your roots!

Please, take care of your health also and take a little time to see the "Cherry Blossoms." Your family and this country need you!!

Again, congratulations on a job well done.

With respect and admiration to all involved.



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Washington, D.C. 20530

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April 20, 1993

The Honorable William Sessions
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Why does anyone, other than David Koresh, accuse the families of the members of the cult who perished in the Branch Davidian compound an explanation?

They chose that religion. They were not forced into it. Why didn't their families try to dissuade them from participating in it instead of blaming others now.

Save your sympathy for the families of the four valiant agents who gave their lives in the line of duty.

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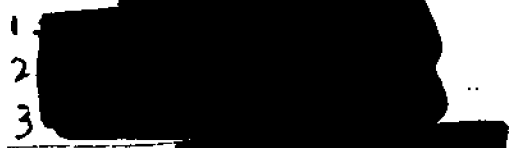
God bless you, the Attorney General & our President.

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Love you



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April 21, 1993

Director William Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C.

Waco TX

Dear Director Sessions;

Last night on ABC I watched the coverage/summation of the Waco Texas incident. After viewing the program my disdain for "Monday morning quarterbacks" grew even more. It is amazing to me how intelligent people get after an event has taken place. From Peter Jennings to the Theologian expert on the program, their vast knowledge of how the situation should have been interpreted and ultimately handled truly appalls me. It is very easy to be in their chair and critique an event that has already transpired. The power of the media certainly is great.

I wanted to take time and write to let you know that I feel the proper and best steps were taken by you and your professional organization. Just as practically everyone else, I truly feel sorry for the children that had no other choice. However, for the adults, the choice made was their own and only they are accountable. For a parent to allow a child to be in that environment and then to let them die because of a warped sense of reality, is unpardonable. I support you and the entire Justice Department for your actions. You were correct when you said, "Enough was enough".

Sincerely,

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10th Pennsylvania
Washington D.C.
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To who it concerns, Dear [Redacted]

I would like to comment on
waco town, the feeling of feeling
free again, not turning on are
tv and most the time, having
too look at David Korresh's face
and his personal outlines of an
indivigual scripture from some
Bible that is in an everyday
home across the Country. I
feel in the name of all mercy
from the Lord Jesus Christ, that
they were wrong, wrong as we
the people know it, sinners as
we the people know sin + pleasure,
and paid for there example, for trying
and in some cases and parts of
the country set for the easy teaching,
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Pro humane, humas being family we
are from the Lord Jesus Christ, Kingdom
no one human being can ever be as
intelligent as our savior, no matter
how many times an indivigual
will prove his self to others, but

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in reality just proving it to him
self, as David Koresh proved to
himself he can actually have that
much Power and that much say, but
he found out Quick as his flesh
burned, the water he last blessed, exploded
as his insides burned and his brain
that led him to his own hell felt
the scorching fire take his last
gasp of thought, but realizing he
did not create the earth nor heaven
but was standing there crawling with
flames, realized his sorrow and begged
for forgiveness, but believing in One
Creator, No false Gods before Jesus Christ
the almighty merciful, freed his
soul from the burning body, as
for the children + women I have
faith in the Lord, the true children
of the Lord, must have died instantly
with a roof collapsing, and these
radicals no one ever talked about,
had a slow deserving death. So you
can't let anyone or Federal agents
office take blame, a matter of the

I would love to honor the Attorney General, on the authorization, don't let the media scare our children of today, and when our my leaders going stamp on their own foot for the use, against one another, and deal with constitutional the Declaration of 55 forefathers, freedom of speech, yes but to put your individual question and throwing their own two cents at the same time, it gets very very annoying, watching them inform the people, watching them making us try and think of that sad we don't want to know their personal thought are the entire channel 4, 7, 2, CNN, we want to hear the reported facts, not the Reporters facts and, I hope, or I think, or or it's a new begging, or a smile or a a grunt just the fact, and the facts that were given, the about time one of our leaders or all of our leaders seriously took a look at the reporters, and what a high school student

a junior high student, and elementary
and you ask me why because I
was one of those children and
many of your congressmen, senators
leaders, were letting them report
this kind of news.

From

P.S. 23 years old
and honor's yours
and I, leaders, of
these countries.

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F.B.I.
Washington, D.C. Dear [Redacted]

Gentlemen,
My friends & I feel you handled the "loose case" very well & you are not guilty of lives lost in the fire. It's a sad case when lives are lost, but you tried your best. We are with you.

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Sincerely

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The Honorable William Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Bill:

Our prayers are with the agents of ATF and FBI who did their best to save those children. I know they feel they failed. Please let them know that the matter was taken out of their hands by the arrogance and cowardice of David Koresh. Please, thank them for having been our protectors, even of those children whom they could not save. During the 51 days that these Federal agents were in our city and during the numerous exposures which all of us had to them, there has been no report on any person to indicate that person was a discredit to themselves or to their government. They were always excellent citizens and good neighbors.

Though this tragedy leaves us perplexed and angry at people who do what Koresh did, it also leaves us grateful for the local, county, state and national network of law enforcement officers who put their lives between us and danger . . . and they never know when they will be called upon to do so. The four ATF agents did not die in vain; they have shown our nation, again, that we are a society that will be ruled by law. It will be law that shows wise restraint, but it will be law that demands an unrelenting response of obedience to that which we as a people have said is just and right. Therefore, those agents who have died and their grieving families, those agents who were shot and who are now recuperating and those agents who bear invisible internal scars from this ordeal should have our prayers of gratitude, not our criticism nor our censure.

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Since David Koresh and the Branch Davidians did what they did on the basis, as they said of a Biblical mandate, let us look for a message from the Bible to draw from this event. I think it is this: Jeremiah 10:23 "I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps." And it is this: Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." And it is this: John 10:10-11 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." It is only by trusting the Jesus of Biblical history that our lives as individuals and as a society will find peace, justice and hope.

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May 3, 1993

Waco TX

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Dear [Redacted]

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What an inspiration it was to receive your April 27th letter with its strong expression of encouragement and support for the very difficult work done by my FBI there in Waco over those 51 days. You are absolutely right. We did our very best to extract as many of those unfortunate children from The Compound as we could.

I will share your letter with my people here at the Headquarters who walked every step of the way with our people down in Waco and with the four Special Agents in Charge who labored down there and the commander of the Hostage Rescue Team who was with them throughout the siege.

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Please accept my thanks for your constant support and convey my regards and best wishes to your congregation.

Sincerely,

William S. Sessions
Director

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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir
Respect
Waco TX

Why when this country is so in debt,
is there so many man hours needlessly
put forth for Koreski^(sp)
I am sure if it were a Christian in there, this
would all be over with by now.
Tear gas would in no way injure anyone
inside.

Why does the leaders of this great nation try
so hard to bury the working man,
The staff of this nations life,
You know he is killing the minds of
those he has captured under his spell
of religion.

You're not afraid of him, I know.
Four died to prove this.

Don't let them die in vain.
Take him!!

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I'll bet those little ones would
surely like to get out to play
in fresh air.

Sincerely,
In Christ

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Hear Mr. Sessions
This household, and ^{Waco TX} many others that
we heard their refusal that you and your
men done what you believed was right.
Your men done this "Kareem job" to the
best of their ability even with all that was
against them.

I'm writing this letter to tell you, Please
stick to your guns. This is only the day
after. Already they speak (news media) of
you being thrown out of office.

There is a lot of people behind you.

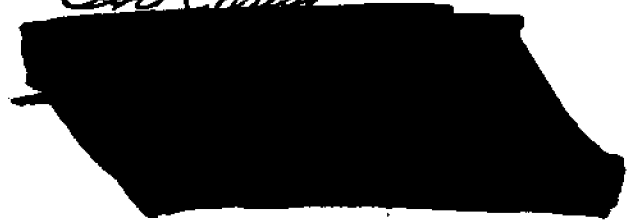
Don't give up to their whims.

To day people either shoot or put out of the
job of any one that don't agree with
their warped way of thinking.

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Prayerfully yours
In Christ

The true one → Marble Rock, Iowa



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April 20, 1993

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Judge William Sessions
Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Sessions:

We must tell you that at this time we think the handling of the standoff in Waco, Texas, was a terribly bungled job. No action whatsoever should have been made when there was the slightest doubt that those children could be harmed. The adults had a choice of whether or not to come out, but the children were victims of their parents' beliefs and had no choice of life or death.

The ATF also bungled the job. Why was there such an armed assault in the first place instead of trying first to ask peacefully to see their weapons. There are no arguments that the cult should not have had the guns and artillery that they had. They were in true violation of the law. But, because of very poor planning, ATF members are dead, cult members are dead, and much more importantly, the innocent children met a horrible death.

It is our hope that something will be learned from this tragedy because with the number of cults in this country, there most assuredly will be more confrontations in the future.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your April 20th letter regarding the standoff involving the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas.

I share your anguish that innocent children were killed, and I want to assure you that our negotiators did everything within their power to prevent this senseless loss of lives. Our plan of action was conducted with extreme professionalism and care. Despite our best efforts to resolve this situation peacefully, David Koresh chose to sacrifice himself and his followers, including the children.

The events of April 19th are tragic for everyone involved--those who lost their lives, their families and friends, and our Agents who risked their lives in an effort to prevent this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,
William S. Sessions

William S. Sessions
Director

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April 28, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Your recent letters concerning the former standoff in Waco, Texas, have been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

"S"

Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
Office of Public and
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Ms. Janet Reno
 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Justice Department
 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D. C. 20530

Mr. Sessions
 Director
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20530

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Dear Ms. Reno:

Waco TX

Congratulations on your appointment as United States Attorney General! This family is hoping and praying that you will bring humane fairness and justice in all areas that our laws are enforced.

As we have heard and watched the events unfold in Waco, Texas, we are mindful of a similar situation that was ruthlessly disposed of in Philadelphia, PA in 1985. (See clipping.)

We detest death of any kind when it comes by evil force. We know this group in Waco has killed four AGENTS and is incurring financial debt for all of us. Is there something you, or someone, can do to prevent further hardship and suspense for those within the Compound and the citizens of this country? This "Stand-off" can be ended now without half the destruction that occurred with the group M.O.V.E. What is the difference? They both killed innocent people, refused to surrender, and held hostages.

Frankly, the "LAW" is indeed setting the stage for additional and more frequent confrontations. Can we, the taxpayers, withstand the burden?

Also, there are props already being established in Waco for the production of a movie. Please, please do not continue to allow criminals make movies without first using the royalties to reimburse the funds that they extracted during their crimes! This also should be demanded from those who defyingly do senseless things for notoriety such as climbing the Empire State Building only to be rescued by the City.

Too much money is being expended foolishly and carelessly on seekers of notoriety. We must stop this growing financially draining game that ultimately cause undo frustration and, too often, depravation. We can begin by helping those in the Compound in Waco.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We pray that you will, indeed, be the positive interceder for us, the taxpayers.

Very sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

CC: Mr. Sessions, Director of FBI

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Radical group founded in 1972 in Philadelphia, PA by Vincent Leaphart (later known as John Africa), a black third grade dropout, and Donald Glassey, a white college teacher. The majority of the group's members are black and embrace a back-to-nature philosophy by rejecting modern conveniences such as electricity. Group philosophy also opposes the killing of any animal, including pests; members refuse to use soap or to cut their hair; all members use the surname Africa. In May, 1978, police and firefighters converged on group headquarters to seize a weapons stockpile accumulated by members, resulting in the death of one police officer. On May 13, 1985, police attempted to evict the group by assaulting MOVE's headquarters with gunfire, water hoses, tear gas, and explosives. The use of explosives resulted in a fire taking 11 members' lives and destroying 61 neighboring homes. The only adult MOVE member to survive the confrontation was subsequently tried and convicted; nine other MOVE members were in jail for murder and related charges at the time of the raid. The group was formerly known as Community Action Movement.

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April 30, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

It was thoughtful of you to send Director Sessions a copy of your March 24th letter to the Attorney General. Your interest in writing is appreciated, and we want to thank you for sharing your views about the former standoff in Waco, Texas.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

"S"

Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

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March 27, 1993

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Director, ^① Waco TX

An immediate Congressional
Investigation of the wrongs being
committed against the Dawkins
Branch of the Christian Religion by
the U.S. Government must be done.

This group has not violated
any law and their constitutional
rights / my rights are not being
upheld.

Sincerely,



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The media does not tell the truth.

Tom drawing to Waco

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May 3, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Your correspondence concerning the former standoff at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
Office of Public and
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Attention:

Mr. Sessions + agents who were involved at the Compound at Waco,

Some people are basically strong and can handle misfortune more easily than others.

You're one of them, though your strength may be tested these days.

But, if you remember to pause for a moment each day and draw upon the wellsprings of hope within your heart, I know you will see this through.

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Mr. William S. Sessions,
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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May 3, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for favoring me with a copy of your splendid letter to Jeff Jamar. Jeff, Bob Ricks, Dick Swensen, and Dick Schwein, along with Dick Rogers and the Hostage Rescue Team, and SWAT did an exceptional job throughout the long siege in Waco, TX. Thank you for your strong and continuing support.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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William S. Sessions
Director

- 1 - Mr. Jeffrey Jamar
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Antonio, Texas
- 1 - Mr. Oliver B. Revell
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

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REP. DON EDWARDS, CALIF.
CHAIR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL & CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
2307 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR REP. EDWARDS: RE: HEARING ON THE TRAGEDY IN WACO

THE SENSELESS TRAGEDY OF THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS IN WACO ^{WACO} COULD HAVE (AND SHOULD HAVE) BEEN PREVENTED YEARS AGO, BUT IT IS UNREALISTIC TO BELIEVE THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IN 1993. SOME POLITICIANS, MEDIA, AND MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACKS, INCLUDING KORESH'S ATTORNEY ARE CRAWLING OUT OF THE WOODWORK TO POINT THEIR FINGERS OF BLAME AT THE F.B.I., THE A.T.F., THE PRESIDENT, AND OUR NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL. I BELIEVE OUR AGENTS DID THE BEST THEY COULD WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAD. MISTAKES, IF MADE, WERE DUE TO A SIN OF IGNORANCE, THE SIN OF WHICH MOST OF US ARE GUILTY. FEW UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMICS AND POWER OF GROUP THINK, AND MIND CONTROL.

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO THROW THE FIRST STONE? SHOULD THERE BE LONG, COSTLY JUDICIARY HEARINGS TO CRUCIFY BRAVE AGENTS AND TO ALLOW OUR IGNORANT POLITICIANS TO AGAIN DEMONSTRATE THEIR STUPIDITY? I ASK YOU TO REMEMBER THE LUDICROUS CONDUCT OF OUR SENATORS DURING THE CLARENCE THOMAS HEARINGS. OR SHOULD WE HAVE AN INVESTIGATION AND HEARING TO LEARN THE WHYS, HOWS, WHENS, AND WHERE OF DESTRUCTIVE CULTS IN AMERICA TO PREVENT ANOTHER WACO OR ANOTHER JONESTOWN AND TO ADDRESS THE NUMEROUS, DAILY ABUSES THAT OCCUR WITHIN THESE GROUPS?

DESTRUCTIVE GROUPS, LIKE THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS, HIDE BEHIND FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND DESTROY ALL FREEDOMS. THIS IS NOT A RELIGIOUS RIGHTS ISSUE; IT IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE TAUGHT HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE DECEPTION AND THE DIFFERENCE.

AMERICANS CAN BE TAUGHT HOW TO RECOGNIZE "UNDUE INFLUENCE" AND HOW TO RESIST IT, WHETHER IT COMES FROM AN UNETHICAL SALESPERSON, A DRUG DEALER, OR A DESTRUCTIVE CULT. WE CAN LEARN HOW TO SAY NO TO CULTS AND TO THE MIND CONTROL AND THOUGHT REFORM TECHNIQUES DESIGNED TO PSYCHOLOGICALLY ENSLAVE US.

LARGE AND SMALL CULTS ARE SPRINKLED ALL OVER AMERICA. WHO KNOWS WHICH TYPES ARE MORE DESTRUCTIVE? ONES LIKE THE DAVIDIANS, WHO STOCKPILE WEAPONS TO FIGHT THE GOVERNMENT? OR ONES LIKE THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, WHO HIRE PUBLIC RELATION FIRMS AND LAWYERS AND INVENT FRONT GROUPS TO SPREAD PROPAGANDA, AND MISUSE OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO DUCK TAXES, DEFY THE LAW, DESTROY FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ATTACK THE GOVERNMENT? IT IS EASIER TO CONQUER A COUNTRY BY CAPTURING THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE. ALL DESTRUCTIVE CULTS HARM PEOPLE AND UNDERMINE DEMOCRACY.

I HOPE YOUR COMMITTEE WILL FOCUS ON THE REAL PROBLEM, THE PROLIFERATION OF CULTS. PREVENTION IS THE SOLUTION AND EDUCATION IS PART OF THE ANSWER TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING RECRUITED INTO DESTRUCTIVE GROUPS.

SINCERELY,
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COPIES SENT TO: PRES. & MRS. CLINTON; REP. MIKE SYNAR; SEN. DAVID BOREN; DIRECTOR WILLIAM SESSIONS; U.S. ATTY. GEN. JANET RENO

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Cults are a human rights issue

Americans are plagued with troublesome questions about cults as this past week the drama of ATF agents pitted against fanatical followers of proclaimed messiah David Koresh has been splashed across the front pages of papers, large and small, around the country.

Groups like Koresh's Branch Davidians are certainly not a new phenomenon. The real story is not that this violence has occurred, but that there are many other groups in society that could, too, erupt into such violence. Destructive cults pose an ever-present problem.

- Parents in Jonestown, Guyana, November 18, 1978 held their own children to be forcibly injected with cyanide, then were murdered or took their own lives on the orders of Jim Jones—276 children died. 913 people in all.
- William A. Lewis, 63-year-old leader of the House of Judah, was convicted of conspiracy to enslave children and causing the death of 13-year-old John Yarbough following the beating death of the boy on July 4, 1983, as discipline.
- On May 12, 1985 more than 200 people were left homeless in one of the worst fires in the history of Philadelphia when city police dropped explosives on the roof of the commune of a radical back-to-nature group, MOVE. Eleven commune members, five of them children, burned to death.
- 51 children were removed by law enforcement from a commune called Ecclesia in 1988 following the beating death of 7-year old Dayna Lorae Broussard. The children, raised in the group, could not read and write, although they knew the Book of Romans of the New Testament by heart.

But despite its continuing presence, the cult problem is little understood, little studied, and troublesome to contemplate. For us to acknowledge the cult problem, we must acknowledge our vulnerabilities and come to grips with constitutional and human rights issues.

All the groups above, and for that matter, thousands of others, were formed by leaders with a lust for power, a willingness to cross the bounds of ethical

and moral behavior to satisfy that lust, and a knowledge of how to use influence techniques—some call them mind control techniques—to control others in a bid to satisfy that lust.

Lacking an awareness of how mind control techniques work, millions of Americans become tragically caught up in the cults these ruthless leaders build. Sometimes the cult victims are financially exploited, other times there is physical or sexual abuse. However always there is the psychological control that is the cornerstone around which true

cial Security and federal withholding taxes. Tony Alamo of the Alamo Christian Foundation was assessed \$7.9 million in taxes in 1985 for operating businesses as religious enterprises—his followers working in sweatshop conditions for as little as \$20 a week.

Ultimately, though, the cost to American society of refusing to come to grips with the cult problem is far greater than the millions in dollars and cents that can be calculated on paper. One reporter's searing memory of covering the Jonestown massacre, recounted on a tele-

For every child that suffered in Jonestown, dozens more have suffered in other cults.

destructive cults create their deceptive "paradise."

Destructive cults impact on American society as a whole in ways most are scarcely aware. The cost to taxpayers of dealing with the cult problem is high. The state of Oregon spent close to a million dollars on medical care, special education and counseling for the 51 children removed from the Ecclesia commune. Taxpayer dollars underwrote the criminal trial against the group's leaders—the largest mass slavery trial ever brought in the history of the United States. Military operations at the Waco compound have already cost millions of dollars and legal and social services costs will increase the amount.

Cults hurt Americans in many other ways as well. Their members undermine the democratic process by voting in solid blocks or by providing free volunteer labor to campaigns in return for favors from candidates. The larger, wealthier cults influence the media's ability to provide news and information to its audience, sometimes even purchasing newspapers, radio stations, magazines, and cable networks themselves and subtly injecting propaganda into their news coverage and features.

Cults compete unfairly against legitimate businesses, having members work long hours for below minimum wage, and avoid paying their fair share in So-

vision show years after the event, was of being able to recognize which of the body bags he watched American soldiers stack up contained the corpses of children. Bags containing adults had one lump. The children's bodies could fit two to a bag. One could tell, he said, by the number of lumps.

For every child that suffered in Jonestown, dozens more have suffered in other cults. We owe it to these children to start educating the public on what the phenomenon is truly about. It can be identified; it can be addressed. If we can educate about the dangers of drugs, about AIDS, about gangs, we can educate about cults.

One can measure the cost of the cult problem in America by the loss of bright and curious minds, of talented individuals who could benefit society. For those caught up directly in destructive cults, and for their relatives, cults violate Constitutional rights, destroy the family and exploit the weak—children and other Americans. Cults are, ultimately, a human rights problem.

This article by Cynthia S. Kissler, Executive Director of Cult Awareness Network, is an edited version of one which originally appeared March 7, 1993 in The Los Angeles Daily News under the title "Cult awareness and education must be taught." ♦

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April 21, 1993

Honorable William Sessions
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.
9th and Pennsylvania N.W.
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Dear Director Sessions:

Waco TX

It is my sincere hope that Monday's tragic events at Mt. Carmel, Texas will not be the occasion for unfounded criticism of the FBI.

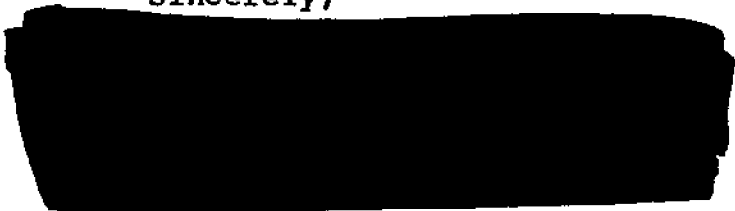
In a lengthy siege of this type it is difficult for most to understand that a window of opportunity is about to close forever and that indefinite hesitation will drastically reduce the odds for a successful outcome.

Such a decision for federal law enforcement is particularly difficult when the odds of a successful outcome are low to begin with. It is less controversial to simply maintain the status quo, and let the odds for a successful conclusion quietly dwindle to zero.

I, for one, do not want federal law enforcement to hesitate to act in the future because those with 20-20 hindsight are quick to criticize.

Please pass on to all concerned that many of us in law enforcement believe it took uncommon courage and fortitude to act while there was still a reasonable chance to end this siege without loss of life.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Oliver B. Revell
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1801 N. Lamar
Dallas, Texas 75202

Your department does not deserve criticism (for the want at Waco)!

I applaud all officials involved for a job well done!

My heart and prayers go out to the agents who have spent countless hours in Waco & who have put their lives in danger all because of their concern for human beings. ^{My heart is sympathy for those who died & who injured 300-300x} Anyone with even a shred of sense would know that you are not to blame for the fire at the compound. It really "eats" me to hear some of the negativity on T.V. & newspapers.
 Altogether from [redacted]



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And, when it's hard to hold on, remember, too, that many thoughts and prayers go with you from me.

Sincerely,



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The FBI
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Waco TX

Why can't you use tear gas on
the cult compound in Texas.

This will not kill any one and
will force the people out of
the buildings.

The women and children would be
saved, and no one would be hurt.

Have you thought of this solution?

Thank you for listening to a
citizen.

Sincerely, 63-HQ-1050305-263

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April 26, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Your recent correspondence concerning the former standoff in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(S)

Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
Office of Public and
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19 April 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th and Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C. 20537

Dear Director Sessions,

I am writing this letter to express how I feel about the Waco TX compound situation. Over the past 61 days I've witnessed, through the media, a very disturbed individual control the lives of not only the occupants of the compound, but the employees of the FBI and the ATF. The purpose of my letter is to say Thank you. Thank you for being patient and taking the necessary precautions to prevent the loss of life. Most of all Thank you for ending it. I feel like David Koresh was out of control and there wasn't anything that any of us could do for him or the occupants of the compound. The occupants truly believed in a God somewhere.

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believe that God is taking care of those people now. And by your actions maybe you were successful in deterring another individual from taking the same actions that David Koresch did. Today on CNN the reporter wanted to know who was to blame for all the lost lives. The media is trying to blame the FBI, ATF and the attorney general. I blame David Koresch. He made a conscious choice to do all that he has done. I do not feel that our law enforcement agencies have anything to regret. I called CNN and my local FBI office to express how I feel about this. My tax dollars should be going towards protecting me, not babysitting people like David Koresch, 51 days was long enough. If there was any way that I could thank each and every one of your agents personally, I would. As a paramedic and firefighter I understand on a very small scale the danger and risks of dealing with out of control situations. I feel like

your agents went above and beyond
the call of duty. I feel like their
lives were risked for the safety
of Americans like myself. All that
I can say is Thank you. My thoughts
and prayers remain with you and
the families of the lost ATF agents.

Sincerely,

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27 April 1993

Mr. William S. Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Headquarters
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

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As a brief introduction my name is [Redacted] and I am a thirty-three year old middle-class male working toward a B.A. degree in social justice at a local college. I also serve as a police officer for a small town in central Illinois.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you and your personnel my thoughts pertaining to the performance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Hostage Rescue Team at the citadel commanded by David Koresh which ended on Monday, 19 April, 1993.

Based upon my assessment of the totality of the circumstances, as provided by numerous and varied media sources ever since the beginning of this crisis, it is my contention that the actions of the Bureau reflected the utmost degree of tolerance, compassion, and professionalism.

Koresh and his followers were afforded numerous opportunities to end the situation with peace and dignity, yet they elected to set the stage for their own demise. I have no compassion for these individuals. I am, however, deeply saddened for the children, innocent victims of a psychotic dictator. The responsibility for their fate rests solely upon David Koresh and those who blindly followed his edicts.

As I now observe infinite numbers of pseudo-intellectuals and other "experts" attempting to second-guess the actions of the Bureau, in many instances openly blaming the Bureau for the havoc invoked by Koresh, I am engulfed with shame and embarrassment at their ignorance and liberal bias. Occurring all too often these days, absent-minded criticism flows from the mouths of malcontents with as much physical power as water over Niagara Falls. I, for one, find such irresponsibility repulsive.

Although I am well aware of the fact that the chances of you personally reading this letter are indeed remote, I hope that my message will be received with the same positive spirit as that in which it was written.

Very Best Regards,

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April 20, 1993

Director William Sessions
F.B.I. Headquarters
Washington, DC 20025

RE: Waco, TX

Dear Director Sessions:

After listening to the various news programs yesterday and today regarding the Waco, TX incident, my husband and I became very upset at the mere indication that the F.B.I. was at fault.

I've never written a letter such as this before, but it is time to do so now. You certainly have the support of this household and everyone I have spoken to, of the decision made regarding this dilemma.

The idea of wasting money on Congressional hearings regarding this incident is totally absurd.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Cordially,

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Dear [Redacted name]

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President Bill Clinton,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I wish to express my support for the action taken at the Waco, Texas cult compound. I feel that adults in this country are free agents and if the people allied with Kordesh wanted that kind of existence and for him to be their leader then their deaths are on their own heads - not the FBI's nor Attorney General Reno's.

The children are the real tragedy - Kordesh, in my mind, was their murderer.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen

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cc: Attorney General Janet Reno
FBI Director Sessions
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Representative Bill Baker

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FBI Director Sessions
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

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To: FBI & ATF (Teams involved in Waco)

REF ID: [redacted] DATE: 4-19-93

Re: The Cult Complex and Reactionaries! b6

Re: Waco Event / Pro-Support & Appreciation letter! b7C

Dear FBI & Supporting Law Enforcement Personnel,

I was following the events in Waco with concern, worry, and anger. I do not have any anger for the law enforcement personnel or the tactics used (including the insertion of tear gas into the complex!) (The delays are "professionally understood" too!)

I wrote ATF a month back concerning the threat of "mass-suicide" (like Jim Jones' cultists).

Now, it was reported they did commit "willful" arson and maybe great loss of life has occurred.

Arson can be proven and I hope the loss of life (children & women) was limited! I'm not a stone!

I respect, I respect your positions, your actions (though very costly due to Davids' stunts & lies), and I'm hurt by the pain and losses of the law enforcement families effected by the insanity of a few malcontents and misguided citizens!

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I have a negative view I heard on the Rush Limbaugh's Show (11:45 AM PDST) radio, Rush thinks it's an non-issue if the cult had machine guns! "Christians" have the right to bear arms he said; in response to a male caller's assault on the ATF's rationale for the raid on the cult. The male caller said, "ATF is a whiny group of wana-be-SWAT teams who had no cause -> (over)

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Washington, D.C. 20535

(what was this report about?)

or proof that cultists had "automatic weapons, for a raid on it, in the first place." The man goes on to say, "They (ATF) hyped this all up, they knew the cult had agents inside the ATF and those agents warned the cult members of the raids!" (I thought it was media?)

The caller also said, "The cult may have semi-automatic weapons," then explained the difference between 'semi' and 'automatic' weapons! (50 cal ammo not for 22 guns!)

Rush did not differ with the guy on the air. I find this alarming for Rush and I think ATF deserves proper respect, even if Rush's Blind Devotionism to NRA's dogmas are a factor here! (Talk Show; getting calls who back the FBI's acts!) (4-19-93)

Citizens who think they are God or above our laws; be it Texas or California (Ellie's Case), aren't to be entrusted with automatic weapons ("semi" can be made "auto" easily too) or to be glorified as saints either!

I was in the USAF's Security 1972-73, and I really have "grave concerns" about this gun-mania; (guns) instead of laws or justice or riots to make a verdict out of threaten civic unrest if it is not liked by a "minority"! This is "very" dangerous!

Justice is "supposed" to be objective; not pending on "media" insights, racial riots threats, skin-tints, or class envy! If so, we have mob-rule-justice or worse (civic-chaos!). (America is Not Serbia or S. Africa, yet!)

(My note = common sense. Sh. logical point!)

I was beaten as a teenager and when → (over)

Lib Scout
ex - Boy Scout
ex - Military Scout
A SHAVE MAN

College Educated and very rationalistic!
1/4 Dakota of ind. (No, I don't hate Columbus)
Member of RNC!
Pro Law/Justice!
Benton
(by parent's mate)

your own opinion -
Highest Honor

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29 I was ill (disabled Veteran). I didn't ask for it
30 nor did I create cop-out cult built on myths and lies!!

31 I'm moderately Christian and with the media
32 suggesting "Christians" are (as crazy as) some Islamics
33 due to Ellie Case in Cal., Abortion Doctor murders,
34 World Trade Building Terrorists, and UACB's mass-murders
35 David (NOT God!). This makes me less willing to
36 be known as "Christian". However, my beliefs did not
37 permit myself to seek revenge, or to start
38 a self-centered-cult to make me feel "greater-than-life!"
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40 I was even treated poorly by local police
41 3 times; I was (mistaken) as a Federal Warrant
42 Suspect once 12+ police cars encircle me (while I
43 was innocently waiting for a city bus), I was encircled
44 again within a year (bus stop, the same or ever),
45 and still another time! The last suspected crimes
46 (not true) were as a soberer of a Foto-Mat
47 store via a 10-speed bike. In all cases, the
48 citizens near me thought I was some heavy criminal!

49 Even after the police left me clear!

50 I asked for apologies got none. I didn't sue! (Not re!)

51 I am a military veteran, plus my career was b6
52 to be a 'security officer' in the Air Force. I'm not b7C
53 the type to break laws, sorry. No matter how
54 crappy my post-USAF life has been "created" by others!

55 I salute the FBI, ATF, and the police around
56 this great nation. I will not equate crime with police work!



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May 2, 1993

Dear Director Sessions:

Waco, TX

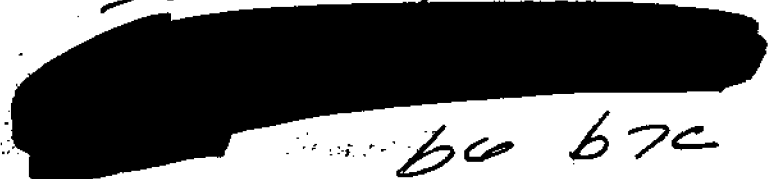
Hang in there, Bill. We believe in you! We don't see a damn thing you have done or said that caused this stupid reaction. What choice did you have in Waco? You did what you deemed best and no man goes further than that.

Stick in there and ride it out. What suggestions did those critics come up with? Wait, wait and wait more?

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You are O.K. Bill. You did what was best for our country.

Sincerely



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May 7, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

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Thank you for your May 2nd letter of strong support for the FBI in its handling of the siege at the Mount Carmel Compound there in Texas.

The FBI relies upon the strong support of the American people for what it does and I appreciate your expression of that support.

Sincerely,

William S. Sessions
Director

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April 27, 1993

Mr. Jeffrey Jamar
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas 78296

Dear Jeff,

This note comes from one who has admired every ^{TX} act and every word you have spoken in connection with the Waco incident.

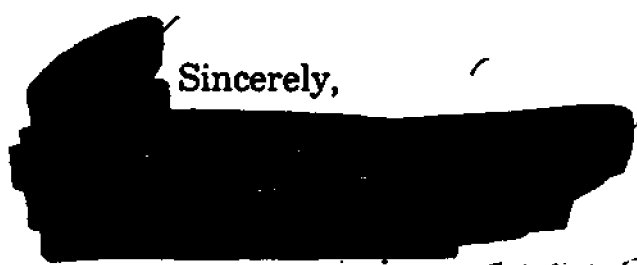
As former Special Agent in Charge of the San Antonio office and former Inspector and Personnel Director of the Bureau in Washington, I feel that every step taken showed skill, talent, tremendous patience and proper execution.

It is my earnest hope that your commendations will come from all sources, official and otherwise. Obviously, there will be contrary opinions, many of which will be based on lack of knowledge and false, premature conclusions . . . Specter, for example.

If there is anything you think I can do at any point, do let me know.

You will note that I am sending a copy of this communication to Director William Sessions and also one to my personal friend, Oliver "Buck" Revell.

Sincerely,



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cc: Director William Sessions
Oliver "Buck" Revell

April 23, 1993

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your very strong and timely letter of support for the FBI in connection with the operation at the Mt. Carmel Compound outside of Waco, Texas. I will share it with the many people who served so well.

Your remark about "indefinite hesitation...drastically reduce the odds for a successful outcome," is particularly helpful as there are apparently some who would suggest we simply throw up a fence around the place and sit and wait.

Your continued support of the FBI is greatly appreciated and I am grateful to you for continuing to speak out in defense and support of this agency.

I will share your letter with people involved in the Mt. Carmel siege.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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William S. Sessions
Director

mailed from Bx
3:25 pm. 4/23/93
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cc: Mr. Oliver B. Revell
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

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April 21, 1993

To: SAC - Jeff Jamar

RE: Waco Compound Fire

Dear Sirs:

Waco TX

Having watched the repetitive questioning by the media on the decision made by the FBI to hold back the firefighters at the Waco compound fire, I commend you and fully support your actions.

As publisher of the National Firefighter Magazine, the personal safety of the unarmed firefighter is our main concern. Firefighters are not properly protected from projectiles and will not place themselves in danger. Granted, it is our sworn duty to protect lives and property, and personal calculated risks are made daily, but not at the cost of another human life.

Again, I fully support the FBI's decision to hold back the firefighters.

Job well done!

M. C. Grube

Martin C. Grube
Publisher
National Firefighter Magazine

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Mr. Martin C. Grube
Publisher
National Firefighter Magazine
Suite 209
4966 Euclid Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462-5834

Dear Mr. Grube:

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This is in response to your April 21st letter to Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey J. Jamar regarding our response to the tragic fire which recently consumed the Branch Davidian compound. Your support of our decision not to endanger the lives of public safety officials is greatly appreciated. While we were saddened that so many lives were lost in Waco, we continue to believe that the risks involved in sending firefighters into the conflagration were just too great.

As the FBI's actions undergo review and analysis, it is helpful that you are willing to take time out of your busy schedule to convey words of support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions

William S. Sessions
Director

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- SAC, San Antonio - Attachment
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April 22, 1993

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director:

Waco TX

I am amazed that authorities should be called upon to explain their actions in the Branch Davidian matter. Whatever consequences arose from David Koresh's failure to abide by the law rest squarely on his shoulders.

Sincerely,

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Dear FBI,

I was very proud at
the way you handled Waco. You
were direct, strong but used restraint.
Never again should a cult or group be
able to put this country and the
tax payer in a similar position.

I commend you

and the Attorney General.

Very truly yours

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Director
Fed Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg
10th St & Penna Ave NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Sir:

I wish to applaud the FBI in their actions in dealing with David Koresh and his followers in Waco. I am certain all alternatives were reviewed and the best decision made. Unfortunately this issue became a "damn if you do and damn if you don't" situation.

Responsibility for the outrage remains solely with those who did it - David Koresh and his adult followers. They made their own choices. It may be argued that they were insane or demented or otherwise crippled in their judgement. This does not alter the fact that those who voluntarily stayed in the compound acted under free will. The great loss was the lives of the children, innocent victims of a lunatic spiritual leader.

Sincerely,

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Director William Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D. C. 20501

W. J. T.

April 21, 1993

Dear Director Sessions:

I wish to commend you and the Bureau on the way you handled the Waco situation. It was handled in a proper and professional manner. Your Agents did what had to be done under the circumstances. The outcome was unfortunate but beyond your control.

I am a retired Police Officer with Tactical Team experience and was fortunate enough to receive some training at your Academy. I am frustrated by the second guessing by people who have no knowledge or experience with cults or barricaded gunman situations.

I am sure that the FBI does an after action review after each situation. I do not think that Congress is the proper place or group to do such a review.

I have made my opinion on the handling of the situation and my concerns regarding a Congressional Investigation known to Senator Dale Bumpers. God bless you, your Agents and your work.

Sincerely,

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William Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigations
10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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I would like to take this opportunity as a private citizen to express my appreciation for the professional handling of the recent confrontation at Waco, Texas. Like many other Americans I had been glued to the television for fifty one days as the FBI waited through numerous promises of surrender, heard them again and again accede to the cult's demands and heard the broken promises of the cult. I marveled at the patience and forbearance of the officers and concluded they must know something I did not. My congratulations and my sympathy to all concerned.

Quite early in the controversy I was appalled at this self-proclaimed messiah and wondered how anyone could be influenced by such trash. Then as each new promise was made and broken I seemed to sense that we were expected to believe that the Creator we had always accepted as a God of Truth was now sponsoring a cult of liars. It spoke very highly of the training and leadership in this service for the officers to hold their peace while the game played its way through.

I think that when the command to march was given we were all caught off guard. We are used to the command "Hands up" causing us to reach very high. We just do not speak the same language as these cultists. They do not behave rationally.

Actually they are nothing new under the sun. For the last sixty years I have been engaged in helping my husband's people in their attempt to regain some Spiritual strength. I seem to recall our old people saying that a spoiled spiritual leader is more dangerous than your worst enemy. Therefore, the training and development of a Spiritual Leader was carefully and constantly monitored. He might be tempted away by money or he might be impressed by his own importance. In such cases the candidate was kept out of contact with the public until his mentors were convinced he was safely back on the Red Path. Naturally I am aware this control would be impossible in our world wide communications and our insistence on freedom of choice.

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However, to criticize the law enforcement officers for "failing to do their job" makes as much sense as if I were to hire a plumber to unclog my clogged drain and then complain if he finds an accumulation of twenty years trash blocking the pipes. It was a no-win situation from the start but you done good, boys, and we thank you.

Respectfully yours

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April 21, 1993

The Honorable Mr. William Sessions
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sessions:

With all the criticism there is on the television and in the printed media, for what it may be worth - I approve of the actions taken in the Waco incident. As you know, the world is full of "Monday Morning Quarter-Backs" and they are usually the most vocal. It was next to an impossible situation and I for one do not understand how anyone can find fault.

There will be a great deal of criticism from the "religious community"; I am sure of that. I hear it already among my peers. Not that this note will make any difference to anything in the world and probably won't even mean much to you, but I feel I had to send it. I am an ordained Presbyterian Pastor - have been for thirty years and I am still active in the Presbyterian Church [U.S.A]. I am semi-retired, but still preach every Sunday in a small Presbyterian Church; one that cannot afford the full time service.

Just wanted you to know that not all the religious community is out here second guessing you and your organization. Many of us support you to the last and I am one of them.

As a point of interest, I worked as a messenger boy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1943. I received an appointment from the Governor of Iowa, and after passing an exam, I served my senior year of high school working there in Washington as a messenger. It was a wonderful experience and a grand opportunity.

We shall keep you and your organization in our prayers and also the people involved in the Waco incident.

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Sincerely,

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April 20, 1993

William S. Sessions
Director
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover FBI Bldg.
10th St. & Penna. Av. NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear William S. Sessions:

We want you to know that we consider the actions you and the members of your Bureau took on the Davidian situation were CORRECT.

You showed extreme patience for the 51 day period. You gave the cult members every chance possible to escape the compound in Waco.

Your remorse at the outcome showed a sense of caring.

We congratulate you on your actions!

Sincerely,

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to the Men of the F.b.I

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FOR THE JOB YOU DO, THE RESPONSIBILITY
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U.S.A AND THE REASONS WHY
YOU DO IT

DONT LET THE MEDIA PUSH

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there should be AN INVESTIGATION
ACKINTO THE MEDIA FOR ITS TOTALLY
IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING AND THE
TIRES ITS STARTS BECAUSE OF ITS
IGNORANCE THRU OUT THE WORLD.

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WILL KNOW WHAT IM TALKING ABOUT.
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United States Dept of Justice
WASHINGTON, DC 20535

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To Whom it may concern,

I'm 68 yrs old and proud to be a citizen of the U.S.A., proud to have served here. I've just watched three days of these liberal news people trying to make you people look like a bunch of dumb bunnies. I've watched the F.B.I. since the days of Dillinger, and was proud of you then and still am.

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God bless you and your work.

My friends feel the same.

Sincerely

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J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.
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Dear Sir,

Your people did the best they could. The fire was not your fault. David Koresk said that he would go out in a blaze of "glory". You could not prevent that

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Dear [Redacted]

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April 21, 1993

To whom it may concern,

WARRANTY

I am writing in regard to the recent events in Waco, Texas.

There are people stating or implying that the terrible outcome of this situation was due to the actions of the FBI and the choices they made in handling the events.

My personal opinion is that the FBI did all that they could, the best that they could, with sincere efforts to save those people from a tragic end. If David Koresh had any intentions of ever coming out peacefully, he would have done so on April 19th or sooner.

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ACK. Obviously there is no person more dangerous than a religious fanatic with a CP

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survivalist attitude and a stock of serious weapons. Add to that his ability to attract and control others and there is to be a tragedy most surely.

But we should all remember this is America where an adult has the right to choose a religion freely. The adults in the Waco compound chose to be there and to follow this man. The only innocents may have been the children.

I'm a taxpaying, voting citizen, and wish all those involved to know I am satisfied with the actions and efforts of the FBI in this situation.

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Respectfully,

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April 20, 1993

Waco TX

Mr. William S. Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution Ave. & 10th St. NW
Washington D.C. 20530

RE: Waco Crisis

Dear Mr. Director,

I have just finished watching the morning news programs and am outraged at how you and your men are being second guessed by the media and politicians. I write in support of your actions.

I thought your restraint and patience were remarkable. You tried to resolve the crisis peacefully for 51 days. You are not to blame for the tragedy, Mr. Korech is. You were dealing with a violent, crazed man. His actions were unpredictable. If your agency could not resolve the crisis peacefully, then it just couldn't be done.

Your agency did an outstanding job with a very difficult situation. Although it ended tragically (through no fault of your own) you should be proud at having done your very best.

Respectfully,

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Dear Director Sessions,

DWACO TX

I am writing to express my support for the FBI's actions taken yesterday at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco. Some members of the media have been directing blame towards the government and law enforcement officials for yesterday's tragedy. However, the Branch Davidians chose their own deaths and are apparently guilty of murdering their children. These religious cultists were responsible for the death and destruction that took place at their compound. The blame for the tragedy lies with the cultists, and with no one else. The FBI made the best they could of a very bad situation.

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[Redacted name]

Dear [Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted]
① WACO TX

Dear Agent Ricks,

I would like to commend you and your fellow agents for your performance in a most difficult situation. Thank you for putting your lives on the line to remove David Koresh and his followers as well as the stockpile of guns. I applaud your efforts to end this stand-off peacefully. Undoubtedly you will hear much criticism in the following days and weeks, do not let this get you down.

I am very sorry this stand-off ended tragically, but I believe that no matter what you would have done, death was the only choice for David Koresh and his followers. It was just a matter of when he was going to execute this action.

I shudder to think what this has cost the American taxpayers. If the estimates I hear of \$2 million dollars a day are correct, then we spent over \$100 million dollars on 95 people. Perhaps the government should strongly consider garnishing any and all revenue made from the movies and books that will surely result from this tragedy.

I am a mother of two daughters age 13½ and 12. Last year one of my daughters experienced a loaded gun in her classroom. Guns scare me. I believe in the right to have a gun if you want one, but stock piling guns, especially high assault weapons, makes no sense to me. That only indicates to me that you are looking for trouble.

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I surely don't know the answer to gun control, I wish I did. It is truly frightening when one man, who has broken federal laws, can dictate to federal authorities his condition of surrender. He understood that keeping his followers inside with him, gave him power and kept him alive. Maybe someday someone can understand what happens to the mind of people like David Koresh, what makes people follow and believe what these people say and do, and why people feel that they have to have all of these guns. Until then, unfortunately, the FBI will always have a job. Thank you for being there to protect the rest of us.

Sincerely

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DEAR MR. SESSIONS.

WACO TX

WITH THE TRAGIC END TO THE STAND-OFF IN WACO, TX
NOW ALL THE MEDIA OF COURSE WANT TO SECOND GUESS
EVERY MOVE THE FBI DID.

WELL THE FBI THE WORLD'S MOST RESPECTED POLICE
AGENCY ARE THE EXPERTS IN HOSTAGE MATTERS. THE FBI
SHOWED ITS COLORS BY SOLVING THE WORLD TRADES CENTER
IN 3 WKS. MOST OF THE MEDIA CLAIMED IT WOULD NEVER
BE SOLVED.

THE FBI FACED A NO WIN SITUATION IN WACO. MY
SYMPATHY STANDS WITH THE FAMILIES OF THE 4 FEDERAL
AGENTS KILLED NOT WITH A RELIGIOUS nut and
his followers. IS ALSO FOR THE FBI AND ATF
AGENTS WHO FOR THE LAST 51 DAYS WORKED AROUND
THE CLOCK. WELL MY HAT IS OFF TO YOU AND
ALL FBI AGENTS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY WHO DAY
AFTER DAY DECLARE OVERLOADING WAR ON CRIME AND
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AS FOR AS YOUR CRITICS GO TELL GO TO BLOCKBUSTER
AND GET TO OLD JIMMY STEWART HOOPER "THE
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① Waco TX.

Dear Dr. Sessions; 9/20/93

I hope that none of the agents involved in the WACO confrontation lose any sleep over the way things ended. Koresh was never going to come out to stand trial, but it's a shame that he was so cowardly that he had to take so many others with him.

^{act} Those people brought this whole tragedy ^{visiting} on themselves and chose to end it on their own terms. The FBI is not to blame.

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WACO TX

Dear Mr. Sessions,
Dear [Redacted]

With all of the
surrounding controversy covering the
Jehovah's Cult + David Koresh, I
just wanted to let you +
all of those associated with

law enforcement in this matter, that

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it is absolutely shameful the manner
in which the "Media" is once again

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secretly guessing law enforcement and

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the FBI in particular!

I just wanted you to know

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that I think the F.B.I.
exercised great patience and
I am proud of the care + diligence
used by all of those involved.

While it is a terrible tragedy
that the loss of life was to include
children, it is solely due to the
actions of Kersh + his fanatics.

God Bless you + those
agents involved in this terrible
nightmare!

Sincerely

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April 20, 1993

Mr. William Sessions
Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

WACO TX

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Thank you for the firm stand you took as F.B.I. Director regarding the Waco, Texas Branch Davidian deaths.

I am very sorry the news media is so "fault-finding". During the burning of the Davidian Compound, news media blamed the FBI's handling of the whole thing, they said the firemen were to slow in responding, & wanted to know where all the ambulances were. Then they made it appear as if President Clinton was trying to avoid the responsibility for this whole thing.

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I get very tired and angry at the news media. They don't just report the

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news, they try to invent news. It is based on greed and carried out thru sensationalism.

Mr. Sessions, the job you do is very important. Please continue to carry out the law and do justice to law breakers. Your job is to protect the public and we do need protection, now more than ever before. Society is more violent.

David Koresh's beliefs and life make Christianity to appear idiotic. I am a Christian who attends a Baptist Church and Jesus Christ is not an idiot and belief in Jesus is not idiotic. David Koresh had to be very unbalanced and evil to do what he has done. Please don't judge Christians according to what David Koresh did.

The real God of the Bible tells us that we are to pray for & give thanks for all who are in authority over us (i.e. The F.B.I), so that we can lead a quiet and peaceable life (1 Timothy 2:1, 2). He also says that He appoints all who

are in authority (Romans 13:1). God also says you are in authority for our good (Romans 13:4) and that you will execute wrath upon those who do evil (Romans 13:4). This all tells me I can trust you and that I better behave myself.

So, Mr. Sessions, I thank God for you and will pray for you, (Also I'll behave myself), and I want you to know you are doing a good job!!!

Sincerely,



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April 23, 1993

To FBI Staff: (1) WACO TX

I would like to take the time to commend all of you who took part in the Cult Standoff in Waco.

It's so upsetting to hear all of the "crap" being said about how all of this was handled. You all did the best job you could. David Koresh was obviously a very sick individual, and no matter what action you took, he was going to kill himself and his followers.

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Yes, I do feel sorry for the innocent children that

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were killed, but they probably would have been our David Koreski's of tomorrow.

You guys have a lot of support from us in Texas. Keep your heads up and don't let the press get you down.

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April 24, 1993

William Sessions,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]

① Waco TX

Dear Mr. Sessions,

All this FLAP over the Waco Incident is absolutely ridiculous!

Koresh had been asked to come out and had been Molly Coddled and catered to for 51 days! It is inconceivable to blame the Government forces for his compound's demise. There had to have been numerous incendiaries set and ready to self-destruct if Koresh was pressed. That many fires cannot have started from the government assault as reported.

This man was a criminal--flaunting the law--and getting away with it. He would not release the children as asked because he felt that as long as he kept them with him, he would be safe from attack. These children were his protective shield. He was a despicable human being who used everyone he could for his own personal gain--whether it be his struggle for power or his sexual gratification.

YOUR ONLY PROBLEM was not using force soon enough. You allowed too much time to elapse. It gave Koresh the mistaken idea that he had the upper hand in this situation. The media coverage helped him a lot--it accelerated and as the case gained more prominence, the usual sob sisters started forming their warped opinions--hence "the public outcry".

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"THE SILENT MAJORITY," AS USUAL REMAINS 'SILENT'

MORAL: Don't allow a situation like this to escalate. You found out what can happen if you act like a marshmellow, you may get roasted!

Everyone hated to think of this terrible thing happening to the children--but--they were mostly all HIS children--and he chose this way out--it was not the government's choice.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

① Waco TX

To Whom it may Concern:

The bureau did the right thing in the handling of the tragedy in Waco, Texas. You fooled long enough with that "nut."

My only criticism is that it wasn't done sooner!

You have my support 100%!

Good luck & God bless all of you.

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Very truly yours,

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Dr. W. Sessions

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I want to congratulate you for the professionalism you displayed during the ABC News Special with Peter Jennings.

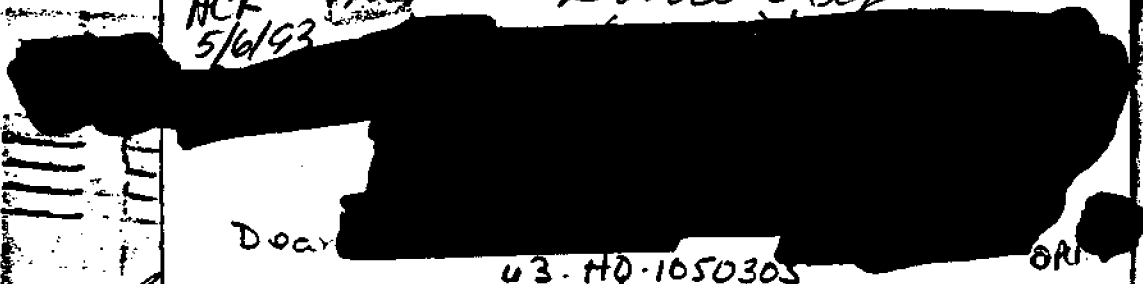
Many of us feel your bureau acted appropriately at Wald.

May God give you the wisdom to continue.

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Mr. William Sessions
Director of F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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April 19, 1993

① Waco TX

Mr William S. Sessions
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr Sessions,

I wish to express my full support for the action taken against the Branch Davidian, in Waco, Texas, today.

Considering of the mental state of David Koresh, his Biblical interpretation, and teachings, I believe that with today being the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising there could have been no other outcome.

To me it would have been more surprizing if it had ended any other way, because of this anniversary being concurrent with the ending of Passover and Easter given his messiah complex.

My thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

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May 21, 1993

MR. Sessions
FBI DIRECTOR
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I have written to Mrs. Reno and said that I thought that she had made a correct decision, and that I applauded the FBI for their patience.

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We may never have all the answers. But, if the judiciary committee wants to investigate——let them investigate the PRESENT cults, and what should be done the next time. How many are doing illegal things now?

MAIN POINT——I believe that the U.S. Government should attach that property now.

I am not writing to the ATF, because I am not familiar with the organization. But, I do hope that you send copies of my letter to

FBI agents in WACO (and those who were there every day). We abhor the

loss of children——but are sure that you did the right thing, I would have used the bulldozer before.

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You may send a copy to the ATF. We regret the loss of their men,

and are chagrined that the raid had been leaked by the press. Here

again, maybe the judiciary should challenge the U.S. Media and have

them explain some of their actions.

Best,

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April 21, 1993

The Federal Bureau of
Investigation
10th and Pennsylvania
Washington, D.C. 20535
Attn.: Judge William Sessions

W. W. T. T.

Dear Judge Sessions:

As an ordinary citizen, I want to express my admiration and support for the brave and excellent work done in the recent Branch Davidian case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Events, such as the afore-cited and the earlier World Trade Center bombing, clearly demonstrate that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a national treasure whose unmatched abilities and expertise are the envy of the world.

As an advocate of strong and effective law enforcement against heinous criminals such as David Koresh, I will be watching closely to see if "politicians" attempt to make the F.B.I. a scapegoat in this incident at Waco, Texas.

Regards

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cc: Rep. Henry Hyde

Dear [Redacted]

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~~Dear Mrs. Maesta Tunney~~

Unit Chief Correspondence Unit
Office of Public and Congressional Affairs.
F. B. I.

Dear Mrs. Tunney: Waco TX

Thank you for your kind note of
April 7, 1993.

At this point I don't know to
whom to direct the enclosed.

Will you please, in the best interest
of all concerned, get this in the proper
channels.

Believe me, I'm motivated by
only one reason. 63-HQ-1050305-307
I don't want anymore
of our guys hurt. Thank you.

yours very sincerely

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April 18, 1993

F. B. I. Washington DC. 20535

Re Marco TX,
Standoff

To Whom It May Concern:

gentlemen:

Please refer to my letters of March 3,
8th, 17, and 30th.

My reasons for wishing a meeting
with an F. B. I. Agent are as follows

I know that I can persuade David
Kresh to surrender without any more danger
to our guys.

When dealing with a person that
believes they are special and refuses to
make a move until God gives him
a signal. Where is the harm in
providing that signal? Even if we all
know that he is not normal.

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At the risk of making myself
seem as queer as Koresk, I need F.B.I.

permission to deal with him as follows.
To enable me to appear as the signal
he is waiting for I must approach him
on that basis, and play the part. Please
believe in my sincerity and that I am
not nuts.

As God's messenger, one could not
get to David on a car, truck or any other
motor vehicle. And, I'm sure as Hell
that I don't want to approach him on
foot.

The following will do the trick. A
burro or small donkey that is broke to
saddle and will neck-rein, a 6 foot
stick and a white bed sheet that
I can wear for a shroud. It is my
understanding that Koresk spent some time
in Israel until he was asked to leave.

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Assuming that he picked up a smattering of the language will make my approach easier. As a child I was taught to read Hebrew and will be able to greet him that way.

Please don't feel as though this is impractical or will endanger me needlessly. I am of sound mind and body and in full possession of all my faculties. I have milled 10 body parts of me for transplant years ago, and am in no hurry to deliver.

My reason for not putting ^{this} in letter form before, is that I felt that unless I could get a phone or personal discussion with a person in authority, I might strike out, without a chance for rebuttal.

Believe me, I am not seeking glory. My motive is to help my country in a bad situation.

Sincerely yours

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